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Sophomore Molly Hurt and freshman Joy Strojek man the voting table during SGA elections.

Election Controversy

SGA Election Contested, Closed Meeting Challenged

By COREY BYERS
Staff Writer

Less than 24 hours after winning the Student Government Association's presidential election, Frank Puleo found out that the election had been contested.

According to an SGA Senate board meeting, presidential candidate and current SGA vice president Dan Bouchard filed a contest against Puleo on grounds of slander.

Junior Erin Price of the SGA Senate Rules and Procedures Committee told *The Bullet* that a contest to the Feb. 25 and 26 presidential elections was filed on Feb. 27.

For any contest to an election the SGA constitution states that "a decision shall be rendered by the Rules and Procedures Committee within two school days after the complaint has been filed. The contestation is only to be read and reviewed by the Rules and Procedures Committee."

Price said at the appeal meeting that the committee met and Bouchard did not have grounds to contest the election.

The Rules and Procedure Committee's decision was appealed by Bouchard on Friday, March 12, which was made evident during the March 15 meeting.

Bouchard's appeal was unanimously denied by the SGA Senate board.

In cases where there is an appeal to such a decision the SGA constitution has guidelines as to how it is to be handled.

The constitution states that "any appeal to the Rules and Procedures Committee's decision on the contestation must be presented to the Board of Senate Officers within twenty-four hours of the contestation being presented...the appeal may only be read and reviewed by the Senate Board."

Since the appeal can only be read and reviewed by the SGA Senate Board, according to the SGA constitution, a closed meeting would have to take place.

Katie Kelley, the current Senate vice president, said the meeting would be

held at 9 p.m. on March 15. She told *The Bullet* the meeting would be closed because of the sensitive information that would be discussed.

A closed meeting would be a

violation of the State's Freedom of Information Act.

Section 2.2-3711 of the act states that closed meetings are authorized for certain limited purposes. But there is no exemption authorizing a public body, such as the SGA Senate board, to close a meeting that discusses matters relating to contestations of public elections.

Tami Goodstein, director of student activities and community services, said the meeting would be closed because it was an exemption under section 2.2-3711.2. This section states that a closed meeting would be authorized for the "discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any Virginia public institution of higher education or any state school system."

Goodstein said information being discussed in the meeting could be used for disciplinary action in the future.

Dick Hammerstrom, chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee for the Virginia Press Association and local news editor for the Free Lance-Star said Goodstein's reasoning was vague. He also said a non-disciplinary body could not use this section to close a meeting.

Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association in Richmond said if the SGA Senate Board did not have the right to discuss disciplinary matters it could close the meeting under section 2.2-3711.2.

She said this specific exemption is used for bodies that only discuss disciplinary matters.

Bouchard said the meeting would not address disciplinary action and no members of the Mary Washington College Judicial Review Board would be present.

Bouchard also said the meeting would be to decide whether or not the SGA Senate board would uphold the



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SGA candidates hung fliers all around campus to promote their candidacy.

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Honor Council Vice President Charged

By CONOR REILLY
Editor-In-Chief

Honor Council Vice President Christina Wimmel was charged with stealing several credit cards and using them to buy more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise at Spotsylvania Mall.

Wimmel, a junior from Bethesda, Md., was arrested on Feb. 10 for one felony count of credit card theft, according to court documents. She could face anywhere from one to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Wimmel will stand trial in Fredericksburg Circuit Court on March 22.

Wimmel refused comment on the situation. College officials said Wimmel withdrew from the college after the arrest and effectively resigned from the Honor Council. According to the Honor Council constitution, "whenever a member is

removed or resigns from office, an election shall be held as soon as practicable by the appropriate constituent group to fill the vacancy thus created."

Honor Council President Brian Reagan said they will replace Wimmel at representative elections next week. Reagan refused to comment on the arrest.

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- victim of wallet theft

Wimmel is charged with stealing a wallet containing several credit cards from a room in Madison Hall on Feb. 5.

The wallet contained cash, the victim's identification

and two Visa credit cards. Police said Wimmel used the two credit cards to spend \$2,365 at retail merchants including Victoria's Secret.

The victim, who spoke to *The Bullet* on condition of anonymity, said she was getting ready to go home for the weekend when she noticed her wallet missing. Initially she

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Rumor Squashed

By JOHN COLEMAN
Staff Writer

Recently, a rumor was spread that Mary Washington College is changing its mascot and colors. However, this rumor is false according to the Name Implementation Committee.

"There may have been some confusion," Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment at Mary Washington College and a member of the Name Implementation Committee, said. "We don't anticipate any change of the colors or the mascot."

Rumors were started as a result of a maroon and white banner in front of Lee Hall used as a promotion for the college's movement to university status. This promotion also includes bumper stickers that used the same color scheme as the banner to contrast with the college's regular promotions, Wilder said.

The Name Implementation Committee was created in late November 2003 by President Bill Anderson, who appointed several members to give recommendations to the Board of Visitors as to what changes needed to be made as a result of the movement to university status.

The committee wrote a proposal of changes they recommended and sent it off to six large consultant firms for assistance in creative strategy, Wilder said.

In one part of the proposal the committee said they are looking for an identity that "must include development of new graphic logo(s) and/or logotype(s) and other visual elements necessary to represent the university in a variety of media and formats (print, Web site, campus signage, university seal, letterhead, clothing, etc.)."

Wilder said this search is an important one.

"MWC has no graphic identity," Wilder said. "And we're looking for one."

Upon receiving feedback from each firm, the committee decided to hire the graphic consultant firm Barton, Matheson, Willse and Worthington, which is based out of Baltimore.

According to the firm, they also assisted such colleges and

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
PM Showers
High: 51
Low: 36



FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 55
Low: 30



SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 61
Low: 43



SUNDAY
Few Showers
High: 58
Low: 27



MONDAY
Sunny
High: 48
Low: 24

Verbatim...

"I clean sandals. That's not sexy. I'm not a stockbroker, I have to make people excited about it every day. That's a big challenge."

-Matt Paxton, page 4



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
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students drinking on the patio. One student, a 19-year-old resident of Russell Hall, was found to be underage but not intoxicated. The student was referred to administration.

March 12—Fredericksburg City police informed campus police that they arrested students for possession of marijuana in two separate instances. The two students were arrested off campus on March 11 and another student was arrested on March 12.

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March 14—At 1:25 a.m. it was reported to campus police that there was a fight in the Marshall Hall parking lot involving seven to 10 males. Campus police said they arrived on the scene and the crowd scattered. A 19-year-old male from Afton, Va. was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public. He was transferred to the magistrate's office and the to the Rappahannock County jail.

March 14—At 2:20 a.m. a campus police officer observed a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall pull out a beer while he was walking, open the can and drink from it. The student was found not to be intoxicated and he was polite. He was referred to the administration.



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Sophomore Katie Teller, *Bullet* viewpoints editor, drops her ballot into the ballot box during SGA elections held before spring break.

Vote Challenged

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Rules and Procedures Committee's decision regarding the election contest.

The meeting was held in Monroe Hall and began at 9 p.m. on Monday.

The chairperson of the meeting, sophomore Katie Kelley, convened the meeting and immediately called for the meeting to go into closed session. She asked that non-SGA board members leave the room so they could discuss procedural matters.

A *Bullet* reporter objected to the closing but was told by SGA Senate parliamentarian Paul Kozar that she needed to be recognized by the chair in order to speak.

The reporter was repeatedly denied recognition.

She was told again by Kelley and Kozar that recognition was needed in order for her to speak.

Kelley again said the meeting was to be closed for procedural discussion and any non-SGA Senate board members needed to leave.

The reporter refused to leave.

Kelley adjourned the meeting.

During the recess the *Bullet* reporter approached Goodstein and said she believed the proceedings regarding having a closed meeting were violating the Freedom of Information Act. The reporter read the section she believed the Senate board was violating.

Goodstein said there were certain guidelines for a meeting that needed to be followed according to Robert's Rules and Procedures.

Goodstein said if the reporter did not follow these guidelines and continued to be disruptive she would call the college police to have her escorted out of the room.

When the meeting reconvened, Kelley said the meeting would be open and be considered a special session under which only SGA Senate board members could speak.

The SGA Senate board members voted at the beginning of the meeting on how votes regarding the final decision would be handled. Passed by a majority vote, it was decided that votes would be cast by secret ballot and a simple majority would be used to determine the outcome of the final decision.

Erin Price, with junior Justine Poslusny, the Rules and Procedures co-chair, began the proceedings by explaining the contest and their original decision.

Price and Poslusny said Bouchard filed a

contest to the election on the basis that fellow candidate sophomore Frank Puleo committed slander against other candidates while campaigning. They said the contest was not valid because witnesses Bouchard named, and tried to contact, would not come forward to testify.

"Our job is not to run around like lawyers," Poslusny said in regards to her attempts to contact witnesses.

Price and Poslusny both said their decision to disregard the contest was based on the lack of significant evidence to support the charge of slander. They said Puleo had not defamed other candidates based on hearsay.

Poslusny said, "Slander is a crime...slander without evidence is also a crime."

Bouchard explained the reasons behind his appeal. He said students came to him and said they heard Puleo was campaigning not only on his own merits but also on information related to other candidates.

Bouchard said witnesses would not come forward either in person or in writing. He said when he approached students to come forward they did not want to get involved.

He said because of this, "my case holds no water."

After Bouchard was questioned by board members, Puleo talked about his actions during the election. He said he campaigned with another candidate and alone in various residence halls on campus.

One board member asked Puleo what he said to students if they asked about other candidates.

Puleo said, "If they asked who I was running against I listed names...that was it."

Once both candidates were questioned they were asked to leave the room so the board could deliberate.

The board motioned to give Bouchard more time to have witnesses come forward. The motion failed. Some members said Bouchard was given enough time between the first contest and the appeal to supply witnesses.

In addition, they said they did not want to violate the SGA constitution, which does not explicitly give them the power to grant extra time in an appeal process.

Another motion asked members if, based upon the evidence provided, a violation of election by-laws occurred. The motion failed. Finally, the SGA Senate board voted unanimously to uphold the original decision made by Rules and Procedures.

Mascot Stays, Logo Goes

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universities as Brown University, Harvard University, University of Richmond and Bridgewater College with graphic promotion and design.

Barton, Matheson, Willes and Worthington interviewed faculty, staff and 100 students for two days and are now at the developing stage of the project.

"If you walk into the bookstore, you don't see any universal emblem or logo on the Mary Washington merchandise," Wilder said. "But a mix of whatever a traveling salesman is selling out of his briefcase."

The entire research and development project is estimated to cost around \$200,000, which is being privately funded by the Mary Washington College Foundation account.

Honor Council VP Arrested

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thought her wallet was left at home.

But later her credit card didn't know what to do.

The company advised the victim to file a police report. Mary Washington College police officer Tim Connolly took the report.

"The worst thing was not knowing who it was," the victim said.

After a subsequent investigation, college police were able to compile a description of the person who made the purchases. The victim said the description matched an acquaintance.

"I never would have thought it was her," she said.

Connolly applied for a search warrant and the illegally purchased items were found in Wimmel's dorm room.

The victim also said Wimmel saved the receipts, which police said were signed under the victim's name.

Gerald Daltan, attorney for the accused, could not be reached for comment.

Wimmel's arrest comes on the heels of several high profile resignations and convictions of student officers. In Sept. 2002, former Honor Council President John Hardin resigned his position following allegations from a female

Wilder said.

Full implementation of the graphic additions, including the change of the seal on all Mary Washington College diplomas, is estimated to occur by late spring of 2004 in preparation for the fall semester, Wilder said.

"They change the name of the school," junior Christina Francis said in response to the change of the college's seal on the diploma. "And now on the seniors, they are going to change the seal. It is not right."

Senior Dominic Presutti said he is glad the effects of the name change will not affect his graduating class.

"When I graduate, it's going to say Mary Washington College on my diploma, that's all I care about," Presutti said. "I feel for the people under me that like the idea of tradition and seeing it stay alive."

student. On Oct. 15, 2003, Rebecca Turnbull, the college's student government president-elect, pleaded guilty to embezzling over \$1,800 of college funds.

The victim of the alleged credit card theft described the questionable behavior of student officials as "trendy."

"It shouldn't be," she said.

She also urged students to inform themselves about people running for influential positions. She said this can be difficult because students aren't always connected with the campaigning students.

"I think people just don't know who the person [running for office] is," she said.

The victim had all of the money credited back to her accounts, but lost the cash and her identification.

Despite the negative effects of the identification theft, she said she came away from it with a positive outlook.

"If it was bound to happen to me, I'm glad it happened to me here," she said. "Just because we live under this honor system doesn't mean people aren't human. You just have to be careful."

And that's just what she's doing now. She always locks her door, and at the advice of her father, she changed her neat signature into a messy, more distinctive one.

SGA Election Results

President— Frank Puleo	Association of Residence Halls
Vice President— Meghan Cudahy	President— Ianne Leal
Honor Council President— Cristina Clapp	Commuting Students Association
Judicial Review Board President— Cherelle Read	President— Mary Bowen
Academic Affairs Committee Chair— Lynn Aiani	Interclub Association
Legislative Action Committee Chair— Jared Turner	President— Jeff Holmes
	Student Council Media
	Chair— Lesley Johnson

Viewpoints

Editorial Men Can Be Feminists Too

March is Women's History Month, the time to support the women of this nation's past and present, be they famous or infamous, young or old, black or white or purple.

Where better to celebrate such a month than at a predominantly female school? But don't get the wrong idea - men don't think you're excluded—it's a celebration for all sexes.

Don't let the negative connotations of the word "feminist" get you down. A feminist is simply defined as one who supports women's rights. It doesn't mean man-hating and it doesn't mean bra-burning.

It means go out and support all those women in your life. Whether it is your mother or your sister or your girlfriend, the worker at Seacobeck or your physics professor, Hillary Clinton or Mia Hamm, show them you support their life goals and thank them for all they have done for you.

Remember those no longer with us, such as Susan B. Anthony, Margaret Sanger or your grandmother, and what they have provided this great nation with.

So go on out there and attend some lectures or some films; educate yourself about the women who tell the story of this country's past, despite being a minority of it.

And maybe one day, when women are finally equal, you can stand up and proudly say, "I helped."



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Jen Hammond

MWC'S NEWEST RESIDENT: QUASIMODO (YES, HE'S BACK!)
STOP BY THE SON-TO-BE CONSTRUCTED BELL TOWER AND WELCOME HIM TO CAMPUS!!

By JACOB DOHERTY
Guest Columnist

"You know what this school really needs? A bell tower!"

The funniest thing about that statement is that someone must have thought it. The idea of spending tens of thousands of dollars to build a bell tower while the rest of Mary Washington

Looking Like A Real University

College is ridiculously underfunded is absurd.

With the money the school will spend on this tower we could hire a few more professors, buy more books for the library, fund clubs better, offer a few more scholarships, have more class offerings, give the geography department back some of its 90 percent budget cut, bring a decent band or a world-renowned speaker to campus, give the custodians and groundskeepers a long overdue raise, or any one of hundreds of other things that would make the school more like a "university."

But no, thinking realistically, the most important thing our cash-strapped school needs is a bell tower.

This Jenny Jones makeover approach to upgrade to university status is farcical. The idea is that a tower will make the school visible from all over Fredericksburg. People from far and wide can flock to Mary Washington College to see that we are a real university now; "look, we

even have a bell tower."

While they are here to admire our tower maybe they'll look around and see that Monroe Hall is crumbling, that the library cannot afford to subscribe to online periodicals, that there is so little going on campus that the school paper runs full page features about sandals, or that students cannot get into classes for their major until they are juniors.

But I suppose that if we can't actually be like a real university, we should at least look like one, and after all, real universities have bell towers. (Right?)

My little brother is a high school senior; he is trying to decide what college to go to next fall. I think I'll tell him that in my time at Mary Washington College I've realized one thing about choosing your college: If you can't see it from a long way away, it's probably not worth going to.

The only explanation I can think of for the administration building the tower is to send subtle phallic subliminal messages in order to attract more male applicants. But even if this is the case, it's futile. I'm sure Virginia Tech is building a bigger snow penis—I mean bell tower.

If anyone else feels the way I do about this ridiculous waste of money, please go to geocities.com/stopthelbelltower, print out the petition, have as many people as you can sign it, and give it to President Anderson.

Jacob Doherty is a sophomore

The Bombings In Madrid: A View From Spain

By RUSSELL EVANS
Guest Columnist

I wanted to take the opportunity to address the attacks that recently took place close to where I live.

If you've read the papers then you know what happened on March 11, 2004, exactly two and a half years after September 11. I'm not sure this counts as much coming from an American as opposed to a Spaniard or Basque, but here's my side.

Thursday arrived, for me at least, like any other morning in Bilbao, Spain. I woke up at around 8:30 am, and the only thing

on my mind was the chocolate-filled croissants that the dorm cafeteria was likely to have downstairs. I had a basketball game later that day, so as I got ready I packed my white sleeveless shirt along with my Washington Wizards baggy shorts. As I dressed I recalled that I had a Spanish test that morning, and from then on my thoughts oscillated between the basketball court and the use of the infinitive with the prepositions "al" and "de." I zipped up my coat, slipped on my shoes, turned out the light, and locked the door.

The cafeteria didn't disappoint

that morning. After half-stumbling down three flights of stairs, I took a right and entered the mess hall. I was a little early and, still sleepy from a night of

watching Real Madrid beat Bayern Munich at "soccer." I moved sloppily through the morning Machine-juiced orange juice, a line at the toaster, and my croissant were all part of a balanced breakfast that morning.

I eventually found myself with my fellow Americans at one of the long tables. Topics for debate that morning were the Spanish test, the

day ahead, and the anticipated Thursday night outing. After eating I took my tray to the rack and collected my things from the doorway.

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I crossed in front of the stairs to the other side of the building and proceeded to the front door where a security guard named Martin usually greets me.

I checked to see if I had time to make my 8:55 a.m. bus. There was enough time. As I approached the desk where Martin usually

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The People Who Should Really Be In Office

By MIKE CASEY
Guest Columnist

I'll tell you whom I may be voting for in November: the combined ticket of John McCain for president, and James Webb for vice president. Now, now, now, I understand you may be thinking, "Mike, they're not running for office." To you I say, "you're right!"

Maybe it's because I'm still a little bitter that George W. Bush got the nomination for the Republican ticket back in 2000 instead of McCain. But the real reason I'd vote for McCain/Webb is because they have demonstrated an unquestionable commitment to duty, honor, and country.

In a time when much of America's political elite was finding ways to avoid military service, McCain and Webb willingly offered their service to this country.

John McCain served as a Naval aviator after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. While flying a mission in Vietnam, McCain's aircraft was shot down. He spent five years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, enduring brutal torture and isolation. McCain is a Republican senator from Arizona.

James Webb—also a Naval Academy graduate—opted for a commission in the Marine

Corps, and served as a rifle platoon commander in the An Hoa Basin in Vietnam.

Webb earned decorations for his service in

Vietnam, including two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat. Webb has authored breathtaking novels—including "Fields Of Fire," and "A Country Such As This"—and served as Secretary of the Navy for one year during the Reagan administration, resigning when he refused to agree to a reduction in the Navy's force structure. (Note how he took a stand for what he believed in, and was willing to lose his job to argue against what he believed a poor policy decision—that is excellent leadership. Also note his web site: jameswebb.com)

So, while individuals like McCain and Webb were off fighting, and dying in the service of their country, where were America's political elites? It seems to be a problem finding out where, exactly, these individuals were—but it is evident where they were not: in the military.

An article by David S. Broder in The Washington Post last Veteran's Day revealed a startling observation: "Today, only 121 veterans of the armed services are in the House—barely more than one quarter of the membership. A generation ago, in 1975, 318 of the 435 representatives had worn their country's uniform."

So, why is the fact that many of the political elites ducked out of military service in Vietnam a big deal, Mike? Well, we have political elites, like Clinton, who sent our brave men off to lightly-tornisted places, such as Somalia, to serve as

"peacekeepers." But when they suffered casualties, Clinton withdrew them almost immediately, leading one to wonder, "what strategic interest put them there in the first place?" Maybe if he had known what it was like to be shot at, or seen his friends get killed or wounded, he would have been a little more reluctant to send U.S. forces to Somalia.

Moreover, these elites' children don't serve. To quote Webb: "International peacekeeping is a lofty goal, so long as their children are not on the firing line."

Then we've got the Republican hawks—the neo-conservatives, in particular—who did virtually everything in their power to avoid military service when duty called. These elites went to graduate school, or the National Guard—enjoying the benefits of society without bearing the burdens.

Which gets back to why I like the McCain/Webb ticket—not because I created it—but because these two men made a difficult decision: to risk their lives in the service of our country.

To quote James Webb from "A Country Such As This," these men, and those that served with them in Vietnam (92 percent of whom are glad they served, 77 percent of those that died being volunteers), "showed us all that [each] believed in this country enough to place his life on the line in support of its policies. That's not as simple as dying because Japan came after us, or because Hitler was a madman. It took a lot more."

For that sacrifice, we owe them—and all veterans, past, present, and future—our deepest and most sincere gratitude. Thank you.

Mike Casey is a senior

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March 12--At 1:03 a.m., a campus police officer was called to Russell Hall in response to a report of underage drinking. According to police, the officer arrived to find several

students drinking on the patio. One student, a 19-year-old resident of Russell Hall, was found to be underage but not intoxicated. The student was referred to administration.

March 12--Fredericksburg City police informed campus police that they arrested students for possession of marijuana in two separate instances. The two students were arrested off campus on March 11 and another student was arrested on March 12.

March 12--At 6:45 p.m., it was reported to campus police that a staff member's car was hit in the Goolrick parking lot between 4:10 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The left side of the vehicle was struck, leaving grey paint transfers. Damages are estimated at \$2,000 and the case is under investigation.

March 13--At 1 p.m., a 21-year-old female resident of the MWC Apartments reported to campus police that a window was broken in her Toyota Corolla. The damages are estimated at \$75. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

March 13--At 1:15 p.m., a 21-year-old female resident of the MWC Apartments reported to campus police that a window in her Chrysler LeBaron was broken. The damages are estimated at \$75. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

March 13--At 7:06 p.m., Fredericksburg police requested assistance from campus police in the breaking up of a party on Rowe Street. One female commuter student was arrested and another 21-year-old female resident of the MWC Apartments was arrested for public intoxication.

March 14--At 1:25 a.m. it was reported to campus police that there was a fight in the Marshall Hall parking lot involving seven to 10 males. Campus police said they arrived on the scene and the crowd scattered. A 19-year-old male from Afton, Va. was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public. He was transferred to the magistrate's office and the to the Rappahannock County jail.

March 14--At 2:20 a.m. a campus police officer observed a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall pull out a beer while he was walking, open the can and drink from it. The student was found not to be intoxicated and he was polite. He was referred to the administration.

Mascot Stays, Logo Goes

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universities as Brown University, Harvard University, University of Richmond and Bridgewater College with graphic promotion and design.

Barton, Matheson, Willes and Worthington interviewed faculty, staff and 100 students for two days and are now at the developing stage of the project.

"If you walk into the bookstore, you don't see any universal emblem or logo on the Mary Washington merchandise," Wilder said. "But a mix of whatever a traveling salesman is selling out of his briefcase."

The entire research and development project is estimated to cost around \$200,000, which is being privately funded by the Mary Washington College Foundation account,

Wilder said.

Full implementation of the graphic additions, including the change of the seal on all Mary Washington College diplomas, is estimated to occur by late spring of 2004 in preparation for the fall semester, Wilder said.

"They change the name of the school," junior Christina Francis said in response to the change of the college's seal on the diploma. "And now on the seniors, they are going to change the seal. It is not right."

Senior Dominic Presutti said he is glad the effects of the name change will not affect his graduating class.

"When I graduate, it's going to say Mary Washington College on my diploma, that's all I care about," Presutti said. "I feel for the people under me that like the idea of tradition and seeing it stay alive."

Honor Council VP Arrested

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thought her wallet was left at home.

But later her credit card didn't know what to do.

The company advised the victim to file a police report. Mary Washington College police officer Tim Connolly took the report.

"The worst thing was not knowing who it was," the victim said.

After a subsequent investigation, college police were able to compile a description of the person who made the purchases. The victim said the description matched an acquaintance.

"I never would have thought it was her," she said.

Connolly applied for a search warrant and the illegally purchased items were found in Wimmel's dorm room.

The victim also said Wimmel saved the receipts, which police said were signed under the victim's name.

Gerald Dalton, attorney for the accused, could not be reached for comment.

Wimmel's arrest comes on the heels of several high profile resignations and convictions of student officers. In Sept. 2002, former Honor Council President John Hardin resigned his position following allegations from a female

student. On Oct. 15, 2003, Rebecca Turnbull, the college's student government president-elect, pleaded guilty to embezzling over \$1,800 of college funds.

The victim of the alleged credit card theft described the questionable behavior of student officials as "trendy."

"It shouldn't be," she said.

She also urged students to inform themselves about people running for influential positions. She said this can be difficult because students aren't always connected with the campaigning students.

"I think people just don't know who the person [running for office] is," she said.

The victim had all of the money credited back to her accounts, but lost the cash and her identification.

Despite the negative effects of the identification theft, she said she came away from it with a positive outlook.

"If it was about to happen to me, I'm glad it happened to me here," she said. "Just because we live under this honor system doesn't mean people aren't human. You just have to be careful."

And that's just what she's doing now. She always locks her door, and at the advice of her father, she changed her neat signature into a messy, more distinctive one.



Andrew Deel/Bulletin

Sophomore Katie Teller, *Bulletin* viewpoints editor, drops her ballot into the ballot box during SGA elections held before spring break.

Vote Challenged

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Rules and Procedures Committee's decision regarding the election contest.

The meeting was held in Monroe Hall and began at 9 p.m. on Monday.

The chairperson of the meeting, sophomore Katie Kelley, convened the meeting and immediately called for the meeting to go into closed session. She asked that non-SGA board members leave the room so they could discuss procedural matters.

A *Bulletin* reporter objected to the closing but was told by SGA Senate parliamentarian Paul Kozar that she needed to be recognized by the chair in order to speak.

The reporter was repeatedly denied recognition.

She was told again by Kelley and Kozar that recognition was needed in order for her to speak.

Kelley again said the meeting was to be closed for procedural discussion and any non-SGA Senate board members needed to leave.

The reporter refused to leave.

Kelley adjourned the meeting.

During the recess the *Bulletin* reporter approached Goodstein and said she believed the proceedings regarding having a closed meeting were violating the Freedom of Information Act. The reporter read the section she believed the Senate board was violating.

Goodstein said there were certain guidelines for a meeting that needed to be followed according to Robert's Rules and Procedures.

Goodstein said if the reporter did not follow these guidelines and continued to be disruptive she would call the college police to have her escorted out of the room.

When the meeting reconvened, Kelley said the meeting would be open and be considered a special session under which only SGA Senate board members could speak.

The SGA Senate board members voted at the beginning of the meeting on how votes regarding the final decision would be handled. Passed by a majority vote, it was decided that votes would be cast by secret ballot and a simple majority would be used to determine the outcome of the final decision.

Erin Price, with junior Justine Poslusny, the Rules and Procedures co-chair, began the proceedings by explaining the contest and their original decision.

Price and Poslusny said Bouchard filed a

contest to the election on the basis that fellow candidate sophomore Frank Pulco committed slander against other candidates while campaigning. They said the contest was not valid because witnesses Bouchard named, and tried to contact, would not come forward to testify.

"Our job is not to run around like lawyers," Poslusny said in regards to her attempts to contact witnesses.

Price and Poslusny both said their decision to disregard the contest was based on the lack of significant evidence to support the charge of slander. They said Pulco had not defamed other candidates based on hearsay.

Poslusny said, "Slander is a crime...slander without evidence is also a crime."

Bouchard explained the reasons behind his appeal. He said students came to him and said they heard Pulco was campaigning not only on his own merits but also on information related to other candidates.

Bouchard said witnesses would not come forward either in person or in writing. He said when he approached students to come forward they did not want to get involved.

He said because of this, "my case holds no water."

After Bouchard was questioned by board members, Pulco talked about his actions during the election. He said he campaigned with another candidate and alone in various residence halls on campus.

One board member asked Pulco what he said to students if they asked about other candidates.

Pulco said, "If they asked who I was running against I listed names...that was it."

Once both candidates were questioned they were asked to leave the room so the board could deliberate.

The board motioned to give Bouchard more time to have witnesses come forward. The motion failed. Some members said Bouchard was given enough time between the first contest and the appeal to supply witnesses.

In addition, they said they did not want to violate the SGA constitution, which does not explicitly give them the power to grant extra time in an appeal process.

Another motion asked members if, based upon the evidence provided, a violation of election by-laws occurred. The motion failed.

Finally, the SGA Senate board voted unanimously to uphold the original decision made by Rules and Procedures.

SGA Election Results

President — Frank Pulco	Association of Residence Halls
Vice President — Meghan Cudaby	President — Janice Leal
Honor Council President — Cristina Clapp	Communiting Students Association
Judicial Review Board President — Cherelle Read	President — Mary Bowen
Academic Affairs Committee Chair — Lynn Aiani	Interclub Association
Legislative Action Committee Chair — Jared Turner	President — Jeff Holmes
	Student Council Media
	Chair — Lesley Johnson

Viewpoints

Editorial Men Can Be Feminists Too

March is Women's History Month, the time to support the women of this nation's past and present, be they famous or infamous, young or old, black or white or purple.

Where better to celebrate such a month than at a predominantly female school? But don't get the wrong idea—men don't think you're excluded—it's a celebration for all sexes.

Don't let the negative connotations of the word "feminist" get you down. A feminist is simply defined as one who supports women's rights. It doesn't mean man-hating and it doesn't mean bra-burning.

It means go out and support all those women in your life. Whether it is your mother or your sister or your girlfriend, the worker at Seacobeck or your physics professor, Hillary Clinton or Mia Hamm, show them you support their life goals and thank them for all they have done for you.

Remember those no longer with us, such as Susan B. Anthony, Margaret Sanger or your grandmother, and what they have provided this great nation with.

So go on out there and attend some lectures or some films; educate yourself about the women who tell the story of this country's past, despite being a minority of it.

And maybe one day, when women are finally equal, you can stand up and proudly say, "I helped."



Cartoon by
Jen Hammond

MNC'S NEWEST RESIDENT: QUASIMODO (THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME)
STOP BY THE SON-TO-BE CONSTRUCTED BELL TOWER AND WELCOME HIM TO CAMPUS!!

By **JACOB DOHERTY**
Guest Columnist

"You know what this school really needs? A bell tower!"

The funniest thing about that statement is that someone must have thought it. The idea of spending tens of thousands of dollars to build a bell tower while the rest of Mary Washington

things that would make the school more like a "university."

But no, thinking realistically, the most important thing our cash-strapped school needs is a bell tower.

This Jenny Jones makeover approach to upgrade to university status is farcical. The idea is that a tower will make the school visible from all over Fredericksburg. People from far and wide can flock to Mary Washington College to see that we are a real university now; "look, we

Looking Like A Real University

College is ridiculously underfunded is absurd.

With the money the school will spend on this tower we could hire a few more professors, buy more books for the library, fund clubs better, offer a few more scholarships, have more class offerings, give the geography department back some of its 90 percent budget cut, bring a decent band or a world-renowned speaker to campus, give the custodians and groundskeepers a long overdue raise, or any one of hundreds of other things that would make the school more like a "university."

But no, thinking realistically, the most important thing our cash-strapped school needs is a bell tower.

This Jenny Jones makeover approach to upgrade to university status is farcical. The idea is that a tower will make the school visible from all over Fredericksburg. People from far and wide can flock to Mary Washington College to see that we are a real university now; "look, we

even have a bell tower."

While they are here to admire our tower maybe they'll look around and see that Monroe Hall is crumbling, that the library cannot afford to subscribe to online periodicals, that there is so little going on campus that the school paper runs full page features about sandals, or that students cannot get into classes for their major until they are juniors.

But I suppose that if we can't actually be like a real university, we should at least look like one, and after all, real universities have bell towers. (Right?)

My little brother is a high school senior; he is trying to decide what college to go to next fall. I think I'll tell him that in my time at Mary Washington College I've realized one thing about choosing your college: If you can't see it from a long way away, it's probably not worth going to.

The only explanation I can think of for the administration building the tower is to send subtle phallic subliminal messages in order to attract more male applicants. But even if this is the case, it's futile. I'm sure Virginia Tech is building a bigger snow penis—I mean bell tower.

If anyone else feels the way I do about this ridiculous waste of money, please go to geocities.com/stopthelbelltower, print out the petition, have as many people as you can sign it, and give it to President Anderson.

Jacob Doherty is a sophomore

The Bombings In Madrid: A View From Spain

By **RUSSELL EVANS**
Guest Columnist

I wanted to take the opportunity to address the attacks that recently took place close to where I live.

If you've read the papers then you know what happened on March 11, 2004, exactly two and a half years after September 11. I'm not sure this counts as much coming from an American as opposed to a Spaniard or Basque, but here's my side.

Thursday arrived, for me at least, like any other morning in Bilbao, Spain. I woke up at around 8:30 am, and the only thing

on my mind was the chocolate-filled croissants that the dorm cafeteria was likely to have downstairs. I had a basketball game later that day, so as I got ready I packed my white sleeveless shirt along with my Washington Wizards baggy shorts. As I dressed I recalled that I had a Spanish test that morning, and from then on my thoughts oscillated between the basketball court and the use of the infinitive with the prepositions "al" and "de." I zipped up my coat, slipped on my shoes, turned out the light, and locked the door.

The cafeteria didn't disappoint

that morning. After half-stumbling down three flights of stairs, I took a right and entered the mess hall. I was a little early and, still sleepy from a night of watching Real Madrid beat Bayern Munich at "soccer," I moved sloppily through the morning Machine-juiced orange juice, a line at the toaster, and my croissant were all part of a balanced breakfast that morning.

I eventually found myself with my fellow Americans at one of the long tables. Topics for debate that morning were the Spanish test, the

day ahead, and the anticipated Thursday night outing. After eating I took my tray to the rack and collected my things from the doorway.

Thursday arrived, for me at least, like any other morning in Bilbao, Spain.

I crossed in front of the stairs to the other side of the building and proceeded to the front door where a security guard named Martin usually greets me.

I checked to see if I had time to make my 8:55 a.m. bus. There was enough time. As I approached the desk where Martin usually

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The People Who Should Really Be In Office

By **MIKE CASEY**
Guest Columnist

I'll tell you whom I may be voting for in November: the combined ticket of John McCain for president, and James Webb for vice president. Now, now, now, I understand you may be thinking, "Mike, they're not running for office." To you I say, "you're right!"

Maybe it's because I'm still a little bitter that George W. Bush got the nomination for the Republican ticket back in 2000 instead of McCain. But the real reason I'd vote for McCain/Webb is because they have demonstrated an unquestionable commitment to duty, honor, and country.

In a time when much of America's political elite was finding ways to avoid military service, McCain and Webb willingly offered their service to this country.

John McCain served as a Naval aviator after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. While flying a mission in Vietnam, McCain's aircraft was shot down. He spent five years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, enduring brutal torture and isolation. McCain is a Republican senator from Arizona.

James Webb—also a Naval Academy graduate—opted for a commission in the Marine

Corps, and served as a rifle platoon commander in the An Hoa Basin in Vietnam.

Webb earned decorations for his service in

Vietnam, including two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat. Webb has authored breathtaking novels—including "Fields Of Fire," and "A Country Such As This"—and served as Secretary of the Navy for one year during the Reagan administration, resigning when he refused to agree to a reduction in the Navy's force structure. (Note how he took a stand for what he believed in, and was willing to lose his job to argue against what he believed a poor policy decision—that is excellent leadership. Also note his web site: jameswebb.com)

So, while individuals like McCain and Webb were not fighting, and dying in the service of their country, where were America's political elites? It seems to be a problem finding out where, exactly, these individuals were—but it is evident where they were not: in the military.

An article by David S. Broder in The Washington Post last Veteran's Day revealed a startling observation: "Today, only 121 veterans of the armed services are in the House—barely more than one quarter of the membership. A generation ago, in 1975, 318 of the 435 representatives had worn their country's uniform."

So, why is the fact that many of the political elites ducked out of military service in Vietnam a big deal, Mike? Well, we have political elites, like Clinton, who sent our brave men off to lightly-touristed places, such as Somalia, to serve as

"peacekeepers." But when they suffered casualties, Clinton withdrew them almost immediately, leading one to wonder, "what strategic interest put them there in the first place?" Maybe if he had known what it was like to be shot at, or seen his friends get killed or wounded, he would have been a little more reluctant to send U.S. forces to Somalia.

Moreover, these elites' children don't serve. To quote Webb: "International peacekeeping is a lofty goal, so long as their children are not on the firing line."

Then we've got the Republican hawks—the neo-conservatives, in particular—who did virtually everything in their power to avoid military service when duty called. These elites went to graduate school, or the National Guard—enjoying the benefits of society without bearing the burdens.

Which gets back to why I like the McCain/Webb ticket—not because I created it—but because these two men made a difficult decision: to risk their lives in the service of our country.

To quote James Webb from "A Country Such As This," these men, and those that served with them in Vietnam (92 percent of whom are glad they served, 77 percent of those that died being volunteers), "showed us all that [each] believed in this country enough to place his life on the line in support of its policies. That after us as simple as dying because Japan came after us, or because Hitler was a madman. It took a lot more."

For that sacrifice, we owe them—and all veterans, past, present, and future—our deepest and most sincere gratitude. Thank you.

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Features

LESSONS IN GENOCIDE

If you haven't seen him, sit by the fountain and watch for the blue beret. The visiting James Farmer Professor of Human Rights at Mary Washington College, Dr. Gregory H. Stanton, never leaves Monroe Hall without his wool cap tipped just so.

Stanton started wearing the beret in 1967, long before his completion of four different degrees: the undergraduate from Oberlin College, a Divinity degree from Harvard, the law degree from Yale, and then a Doctorate in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Chicago.

The list goes on.

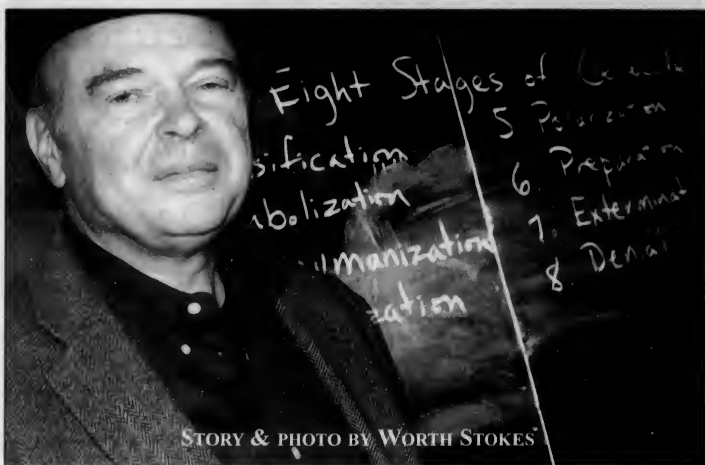
While teaching classes at Washington and Lee University, Stanton worked on the Cambodian Genocide Project, coordinated the International Campaign to End Genocide, and provided legal advice to the Ukrainian independence movement.

From 1992 to 1999, Stanton served in the State Department and wrote United Nations resolutions that created the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. From 2001 to 2002 he was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he worked on his forthcoming book on the Eight Stages of Genocide.

These days, in between meetings in Washington, D.C. and flights across the Atlantic Ocean, you can find him in Monroe Hall, Room 208.

Legacy of Peace

According to History Department chair Carter Hudgins, the college established the James Farmer professorship several years ago for individuals actively engaged in some facet of the



STORY & PHOTO BY WORTH STOKES

Visiting professor teaches class with candor, emotion

global effort to secure human rights.

Hudgins said that Stanton was an obvious candidate with a strong resume and warm character.

"It's one of those resumes that sort of leaps off the table, and the realization kind of hits you in the head like a baseball. This is a very, very intelligent guy, and he wears that gently," Hudgins said.

Hudgins also noted that Farmer directly impacted Stanton's personal choices, which Stanton explains as something he inherited from his parents.

Stanton said that his association with civil rights activism and non-violent resistance emerged when he was very young because of his

parents and their membership in the Congress of Racial Equality, also known as CORE, which Farmer founded in 1942.

"I had a personal awareness of James Farmer's work early in my life," Stanton said. "He was one of the great leaders—one of the 'Big Four.' Not only was he a great strategist but a great speaker. And like King, he was a great organizer."

Stanton said his father adapted the James Farmer model for non-violent resistance and organized a sit-in in Oberlin, Ohio in 1942.

According to Stanton, his father felt strongly about peaceful activism and wanted to desegregate a local barbershop.

"James Farmer was one of the pioneers," he

“This is a very, very, very intelligent guy, and he wears that gently.”

— Carter Hudgins
History Department chair

said. "He really started the modern civil rights movement and invented the sit-in. It's so wonderful that this country had leaders that were committed to non-violence."

In the Classroom

Somehow the man finds time to teach, and his students hang on every word.

An upper-level elective, AMST 0333 focuses on specific cases of genocide and how to prevent further incidents, but Stanton quietly assured his students on the first day of class that they could take a break if they felt sad.

According to sophomore Rachael Deane, he introduced himself and immediately explained that the material is very difficult and that genocide is not a happy subject.

"He came in and told us, 'If you ever get depressed about what you are learning in this class with me, go and read some poetry. Take a break,'" Deane said.

Sophomore Benjamin Franklin said he swears he'll never miss another opportunity to take a class with a visiting professor because it's so refreshing.

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'97 Grad Invents Stinky Sandal Solution

By Adele Chapin
Staff Writer

Foot odor is a touchy subject. If an acquaintance or stranger has smelly sandals, the polite thing to do would be to ignore it.

However, ignoring sandal odor is not part of Matt Paxton's business plan. Paxton, a 1997 graduate of Mary Washington College, points out

this social faux pas everyday in the sales pitch for his invention, Paxton's Sandal Saver, a sandal deodorizer and cleaner.

"People don't know that their sandals smell," said Paxton, age 28. "We have to tell people 'you have smelly sandals,' once they hear that, they say 'You're right.'"

Paxton himself didn't realize that his sandals smelled until it was pointed out to him.

"My girlfriend was actually complaining about my sandals," he said. "She said I couldn't wear them anymore."

He looked for a product that would clean his sandals easily, but found nothing that did the trick. Paxton figured that he couldn't be the only one with this problem, so he decided to create his own product.

In May of 2003, the Paxton Sandal Saver was born. The product comes in a sleek silver tube of cleaner that retails for \$7.99.

In order to make his idea a reality, Paxton wrote to 200 natural soap companies.

"I knew it had to be all-natural," he said, explaining that an environmentally-friendly product was needed since customers would wear their sandals in rivers and oceans.

Only one soap company wrote back to Paxton.

"We went through ten different formulas until we found the one we knew would work," he said. The resulting product can be used on foam rubber, leather and plastic sandals, in addition to a variety of other surfaces, such as fishing equipment, scuba gear and yoga mats, according to Paxton.

"It works on shoes, it works on everything," he said.

Paxton says the product is not a deodorant, but a cleaner that removes dirt and odor-causing bacteria. Simplicity was key to Paxton when creating the product.

"I'm a very lazy consumer," he said. "This is really easy to use, just spray it and wipe it off."

The directions on the Paxton Sandal Saver's webpage, paxtoniscool.com, lists extreme cleaning directions, in case of severe foot odor problems.

If spraying the product 10 to 15 times on sandals doesn't work, the webpage suggests "you can spray Paxton's Sandal Saver directly on the bottom of your feet. If extreme odor persists, throw your sandals away and move to the end of the earth in a lonely shack by yourself. By this point, you probably don't have any friends anyway."

Despite this warning, the Paxton Sandal Saver has a money-back guarantee, but Paxton says so far no bottles have been returned.

"This stuff works," he said. "I had to make sure it worked with my name on the bottle."

The Paxton Sandal Saver is sold in 100 different stores in 32 different states. The product is in 40 college bookstores, including Mary Washington's bookstore, which was the first college bookstore to stock it.

Twelve independent sales representatives also sell the Paxton's Sandal Saver.

In addition to this, the product is currently used by the military in Iraq and is also being tested in two military submarines.

Paxton said that the product will also be featured in an upcoming issue of *Playboy* magazine. The Paxton Sandal Saver will even be sold on the Home Shopping Network sometime in the coming weeks. Paxton will be on the channel for three minutes, demonstrating his product, albeit at 3 a.m.

All of this is thrilling for an entrepreneur who went through four months of free samples before he sold his first product.

"It's unbelievably exciting, I literally drew this down on a cocktail napkin, almost a year

later, it's in 100 different stores," Paxton said.

The toughest challenge Paxton faced when starting his company was gathering the courage to actually do it.

"I sweated over whether to quit my job and put my savings into it," he said. "Once you do it, you don't want to do anything else."

He recommended that would-be entrepreneurs use the Internet as a tool to find out if their invention already exists.

If it doesn't, he said, "Don't waste any time, just do it. Don't think about it. Everything happens for a reason."

Today, Paxton's days are filled with the challenges of running one's own company.

"It's crazy. I'll have a list of like 20 things to do, if I get to two of them, I'm lucky," he said. "There's always a problem. Every day something different comes up. There's no way to predict what will happen."

He explained another less glamorous side of his particular entrepreneurship.

"I clean sandals. That's not sexy," Paxton said. "I'm not a stockbroker. I have to make people excited about it every day. That's a big challenge."

However, Paxton has confidence in his product and that helps him continue forward.

"You have to be 100 percent excited about your product," he continued. "You have to keep telling yourself everyday, this is a real cool

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Matt Paxton's sandal deodorizer is sold at the college bookstore.

Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



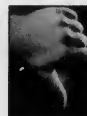
To Cheeseburger in Paradise opening in Central Park this week.



To the unpredictable weather.



To the new baguette sandwiches at Burger King.



To going to class with a St. Patrick's Day hangover.

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Junior Niki Larson (second from left) with friends Eva Haile, Carolyn Schrank, Sam Smith and Sarah Notter in Florida.

Courtesy Niki Larson

Spring Break 2004: Florida Fun In The Sun

First Person

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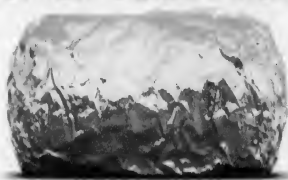
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LESSONS IN GENOCIDE

If you haven't seen him, sit by the fountain and watch for the blue beret. The visiting James Farmer Professor of Human Rights at Mary Washington College, Dr. Gregory H. Stanton, never leaves Monroe Hall without his wool cap tipped just so.

Stanton started wearing the beret in 1967, long before his completion of four different degrees: the undergraduate from Oberlin College, a Divinity degree from Harvard, the law degree from Yale, and then a Doctorate in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Chicago.

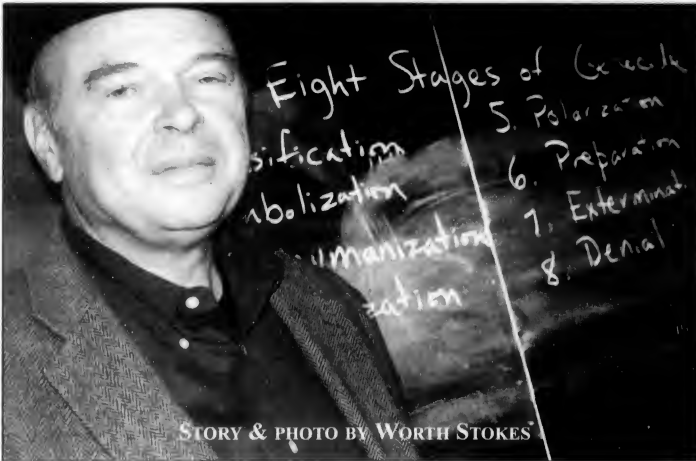
The list goes on. While teaching classes at Washington and Lee University, Stanton worked on the Cambodian Genocide Project, coordinated the International Campaign to End Genocide, and provided legal advice to the Ukrainian independence movement.

From 1992 to 1999, Stanton served in the State Department and wrote United Nations resolutions that created the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. From 2001 to 2002 he was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he worked on his forthcoming book on the Eight Stages of Genocide.

These days, in between meetings in Washington, D.C. and flights across the Atlantic Ocean, you can find him in Monroe Hall, Room 208.

Legacy of Peace

According to History Department chair Carter Hudgins, the college established the James Farmer professorship several years ago for individuals actively engaged in some facet of the



Visiting professor teaches class with candor, emotion

global effort to secure human rights.

Hudgins said that Stanton was an obvious candidate with a strong resume and warm character.

"It's one of those resumes that sort of leaps off the table, and the realization kind of hits you in the head like a baseball. This is a very, very, very intelligent guy, and he wears that gently," Hudgins said.

Hudgins also noted that Farmer directly impacted Stanton's personal choices, which Stanton explains as something he inherited from his parents.

Stanton said that his association with civil rights activism and non-violent resistance emerged when he was very young because of his

parents and their membership in the Congress of Racial Equality, also known as CORE, which Farmer founded in 1942.

"I had a personal awareness of James Farmer's work early in my life," Stanton said. "He was one of the great leaders—one of the 'Big Four.' Not only was he a great strategist but a great speaker. And like King, he was a great organizer."

Stanton said his father adapted the James Farmer model for non-violent resistance and organized a sit-in in Oberlin, Ohio in 1942.

According to Stanton, his father felt strongly about peaceful activism and wanted to desegregate a local barbershop.

"James Farmer was one of the pioneers," he

further incidents, but Stanton quietly assured his students on the first day of class that they could take a break if they felt sad.

According to sophomore Rachael Deane, he introduced himself and immediately explained that the material is very difficult and that genocide is not a happy subject.

"He came in and told us, 'If you ever get depressed about what you are learning in this class with me, go and read some poetry. Take a break,'" Deane said.

Sophomore Benjamin Franklin said he swears he'll never miss another opportunity to take a class with a visiting professor because it's so refreshing.

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'97 Grad Invents Stinky Sandal Solution

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Foot odor is a touchy subject. If an acquaintance or stranger has smelly sandals, the polite thing to do would be to ignore it.

However, ignoring sandal odor is not part of Matt Paxton's business plan. Paxton, a 1997 graduate of Mary Washington College, points out

this social faux pas everyday in the sales pitch for his invention, Paxton's Sandal Saver, a sandal deodorizer and cleaner.

"People don't know that their sandals smell," said Paxton, age 28. "We have to tell people 'you have smelly sandals,' once they hear that, they say 'You're right.'"

Paxton himself didn't realize that his sandals smelled until it was pointed out to him.

"My girlfriend was actually complaining about my sandals," he said. "She said I couldn't wear them anymore."

He looked for a product that would clean his sandals easily, but found nothing that did the trick. Paxton figured that he couldn't be the only one with this problem, so he decided to create his own product.

In May of 2003, the Paxton Sandal Saver was born. The product comes in a sleek silver tube of cleaner that retails for \$7.99.

In order to make his idea a reality, Paxton wrote to 200 natural soap companies.

"I knew it had to be all-natural," he said, explaining that an environmentally-friendly product was needed since customers would wear their sandals in rivers and oceans.

Only one soap company wrote back to Paxton.

"We went through ten different formulas until we found the one we knew would work," he said. The resulting product can be used on foam rubber, leather and plastic sandals, in addition to a variety of other surfaces, such as fishing equipment, scuba gear and yoga mats, according to Paxton.

"It works on shoes, it works on everything," he said.

Paxton says the product is not a deodorant, but a cleaner that removes dirt and odor-causing bacteria. Simplicity was key to Paxton when creating the product.

"I'm a very lazy consumer," he said. "This is really easy to use, just spray it and wipe it off."

The directions on the Paxton Sandal Saver's webpage, paxtoniscool.com, lists extreme cleaning directions, in case of severe foot odor problems.

If spraying the product 10 to 15 times on sandals doesn't work, the webpage suggests "you can spray Paxton's Sandal Saver directly on the bottom of your feet. If extreme odor persists, throw your sandals away and move to the end of the earth in a lonely shack by yourself. By this point, you probably don't have any friends anyway."

Despite this warning, the Paxton Sandal Saver has a money-back guarantee, but Paxton says so far no bottles have been returned.

"This stuff works," he said. "I had to make sure it worked with my name on the bottle."

The Paxton Sandal Saver is sold in 100 different stores in 32 different states. The product is in 40 college bookstores, including Mary Washington's bookstore, which was the first college bookstore to stock it.

Twelve independent sales representatives also sell the Paxton's Sandal Saver.

In addition to this, the product is currently used by the military in Iraq and is also being tested in two military submarines.

Paxton said that the product will also be featured in an upcoming issue of Playboy magazine. The Paxton Sandal Saver will even be sold on the Home Shopping Network sometime in the coming weeks. Paxton will be on the channel for three minutes, demonstrating his product, albeit at 3 a.m.

All of this is thrilling for an entrepreneur who went through four months of free samples before he sold his first product.

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later, it's in 100 different stores," Paxton said.

The toughest challenge Paxton faced when starting his company was gathering the courage to actually do it.

"I sweated over whether to quit my job and put my savings into it," he said. "Once you do it, you don't want to do anything else."

He recommended that would-be entrepreneurs use the Internet as a tool to find out if their invention already exists.

If it doesn't, he said, "Don't waste any time, just do it. Don't think about it. Everything happens for a reason."

Today, Paxton's days are filled with the challenges of running one's own company.

"It's crazy. I'll have a list of like 20 things to do, if I get to two of them, I'm lucky," he said. "There's always a problem. Every day something different comes up. There's no way to predict what will happen."

He explained another less glamorous side of his particular entrepreneurship.

"I clean sandals. That's not sexy," Paxton said. "I'm not a stockbroker. I have to make people excited about it every day. That's a big challenge."

However, Paxton has confidence in his product and that helps him continue forward.

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Lauren DeAngelis/Bullet

Matt Paxton's sandal deodorizer is sold at the college bookstore.

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To Cheeseburger in Paradise opening in Central Park this week.



To the unpredictable weather.



To the new baguette sandwiches at Burger King.



To going to class with a St. Patrick's Day hangover.

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Junior Niki Larson (second from left) with friends Eva Haile, Carolyn Schrank, Sam Smith and Sarah Notter in Florida.

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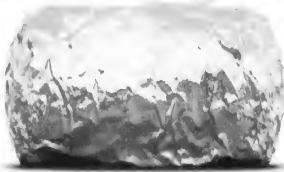
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Record To Date: 6-2, 0-0 CAC

Next Game: March 20, at Washington & Lee
University

After winning the 2003 NCAA Regional tournament hosted here last year, and advancing to the national championships in St. Peter, Minn., this year's men's tennis team is ready to spring into action.

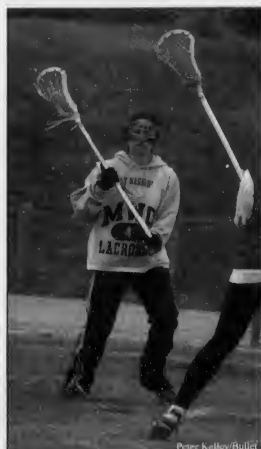
With seven returning starters and only one freshman on this year's team, the Eagles are primed for another strong season. According to coach Todd Helbling, the team's success will depend on the ability of young guns Paul Bristow and Jon Clair to play in the top three spots with junior Tim Ryan.

This is the first time in five years that the Eagles have not had at least two freshmen in starting roles. This year's lone rookie, Jae Ko, has shown great potential. But with six experienced players on the court, he will most likely see only limited action this season.

This season has the potential to be a productive one for two-time All American senior Dan Uyar. With a strong spring, Uyar has a chance to post the most career singles and doubles wins in Mary Washington College history. Conor Smith, a 2003 graduate, currently holds both records (75 singles, 79 doubles).

Uyar and doubles partner Bristow already have 19 doubles victories this season. The Eagles' single season record is 23.

Rivalry matches to watch include Washington & Lee, Washington College, and Swarthmore. The Eagles will also play matches against Division I schools George Washington, Georgetown, and James Madison.



Last week's CAC Player of the Week, senior attacker Jess Goon, has a chance to become one of the all time points leaders in MWC history.

Women's Tennis

Coach: Cindy VanderBerg

Top Returners: Sr. Kim Colwell, Sr. Lindsay McMahon, Sr. Katie Zelenak, Jr. Karli Schneider

Top Newcomers: Fr. Ashley Tucker, Fr. Emily Brimer, Fr. Allison Hazlett

Record To Date: 2-3, 1-0 CAC

Next Match: March 19 vs. Agnes Scott College, 3:30 p.m.

In 2003 the women's tennis team went to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year. It marked the eighteenth time the Eagles have participated in the 22-year history of the NCAA Championships.

Number one singles player Karli Schneider headlines the group of talented returners for the Eagles, which includes number two Gayle Smith, number three Kim Colwell, number four Lindsay McMahon, and all-CAC doubles player Katie Zelenak.

The three freshmen, Ashley Tucker, Emily Brimer, and Allison Hazlett, will push their upperclass teammates and raise the level of play of the entire team.

The team has many goals for the 2004 season. These goals include winning a CAC Championship, returning to the NCAA Tournament for a sixth straight year, and maintaining a team grade point average of 3.2.

The Eagles face a tough schedule this season including matches against nationally ranked opponents Swarthmore College, University of the South, and Kalamazoo College. Other big matches include conference foe Salisbury and Washington & Lee.

Men's Lacrosse

Coach: Kurt Glaeser

Top Returners: Jr. Att. Mark Fiore, Sr. Att. Matt Wiles, Sr. Att. Chris Doddridge

Top Newcomers: Fr. Mid Matt Morrell, Fr. Mid Brad Madsen

Record To Date: 3-1, 0-0 CAC

Next Game: March 20 at Washington & Lee

Coming off back-to-back appearances in the CAC Championship game, the men's lacrosse team hopes to continue that streak.

The team welcomes two 2003 all-CAC selections back to the mix: Matt Wiles (33 goals, 12 assists last year) and Mark Fiore (21 goals, 34 assists).

A solid core of defenders will help senior goalie Mike D'Eredita keep the net clean.

The Eagles will tackle some tough competition this season including the number one ranked team in the nation, conference rival Salisbury University. Other tough contests include number 19 Washington & Lee and another conference rival, St. Mary's College.

Women's Lacrosse

Coach: Dana Hall

Top Returners: Sr. Mid. Melissa Block, Sr. Att. Kate Clute, Sr. Att. Jessica Goon, Soph. G. Robyn Lankford

Top Newcomers: Fr. Mid. Stephanie Hearn, Fr. Mid. Kaitlyn Barker, Fr. Mid. Jackie Rose

Record To Date: 3-1, 0-0 CAC

Next Game: March 18, vs. Amherst College, 4 p.m.

The women's lacrosse team has been to the NCAA tournament in each of the last four years. The Eagles, currently ranked ninth in the nation, are poised to make that trip again.

Mary Washington has two returning All-Americans in seniors Melissa Block and Kate Clute. Also returning are 2003 all-region selections senior Jessica Goon and junior Erica Larsen.

The Eagles have only one starting freshman this season: midfielder Jackie Rose. In addition, the Eagles have two high school All-Americans waiting in the ranks in freshmen Stephanie Hearn and Kaitlyn Barker.

The team will rely on second-year goalie, sophomore Robyn Lankford, to tend the net. Lankford is the only goalie on the squad.

With a strong performance this season, Klute can break into the top five among all-time assist leaders at Mary Washington. Goon can break into the top five in all-time points leaders.

Key games this season include Thursday's match up against number one-ranked Amherst College, and conference games against Salisbury and number 12, St. Mary's College.

Baseball

Coach: Tom Sheridan

Top Returners: Sr. P Stefan Schoen, Soph. P Kevin Foeman, Sr. 1B Jay Quintana, Sr. C Robbie Wright

Top Newcomers: Fr. CF Eric Fitzgerald, Fr. SS Ray Moore, Fr. 2B Tom McDermott, Fr. P Eric Wilkins, Fr. P Dylan White

Record To Date: 15-3, 3-0 CAC

Next Game: March 18 vs. North Carolina Wesleyan College, 3 p.m.

This year's baseball team has a lot to live up to. Last year's squad set a school record with 30 victories, won the CAC Tournament Championship for the sixth time, and made an NCAA tourney appearance for the eighth time in 13 years.

The Eagles are led by 2003 all-region selections Jay Quintana and Robbie Wright. According to senior Cory Templeman, Quintana needs about 20 more hits to become the all-time hits leader in Mary Washington College history.

Stefan Schoen will be a staple in the pitching rotation again for MWC. The lefty went 9-2 last year. Two other southpaws join Schoen and righty Kevin Foeman in the rotation. Freshmen Eric Wilkins and Dylan White will contribute to the Eagles' winning record as well.

Mary Washington will be playing three freshmen up the middle as well. Ray Moore and Tom McDermott make up the Eagles' double play tandem at short and second respectively, and Eric Fitzgerald patrols the outfield in center.

The Eagles will face some tough games this season both in conference and out. Salisbury is a perennial conference rival as is York College. In addition, MWC will play games against Bridgewater and Johns Hopkins, a team frequently ranked in the top ten.



Freshman Tyler Harris pitches under the watchful eye of Coach Tom Sheridan.

Softball

Coach: Dee Conway

Top Returners: Sr. 2B Bevin Gekosky, Jr. 1B Erin Bundrick, Soph. P Abbey Wineland

Top Newcomers: Fr. 3B/C Sarah Lance, Fr. 3B Lindsey Painter

Record To Date: 6-6, 0-0 CAC

Next Game: March 19-20 at Roanoke/Bridgewater Tournament

According to coach Dee Conway, this could be the year the Eagles get back to the top in the CAC. MWC returns lead off hitter Bevin Gekosky and 2003 homerun leader Erin Bundrick.

Sophomore catcher Andrea Perez is coming back from shoulder surgery and her ability to contribute will be a key to the Eagles' season.

Mary Washington has several new faces this year with seven freshmen on the 15 woman roster. Conway expects big things from Sarah Lance and Lindsey Painter, both of whom will split time at third. Lance will also see time behind the plate.

The Eagles will face challenges from CAC rivals York and Salisbury. A game at Chowan on April 14 could potentially be a big game if the team is still in contention at that point in the season.



Sophomore Kim Matheson.

Upcoming Events

March 18 - Baseball vs. NCA Wesleyan, 3 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Amherst, 4 p.m.

March 19 - Women's Tennis vs. Agnes Scott College, 3:30 p.m.



Let The Madness Begin

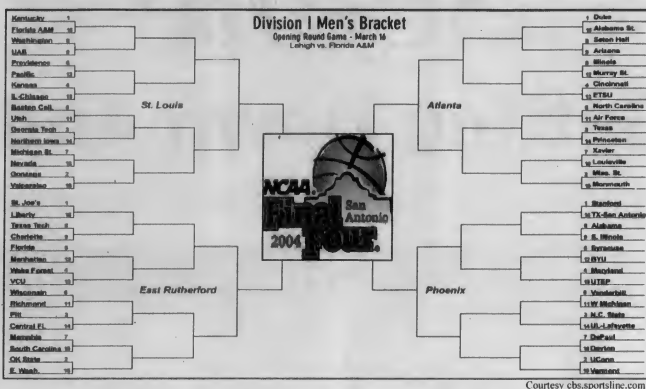
By Dave Buschenfeldt
Assistant Sports Editor

It's that time of year again. It's time for the best college basketball teams in the nation to compete for the ultimate prize. It's time for millions of fans to root for their team and hope that they can go all the way. It's time for March Madness.

No sport is more exciting than college basketball during the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Who can forget Christian Laettner's turn around jumper to beat Kentucky in 1992 or Lorenzo Charles' last second alley-oop dunk to win the championship for underdog North Carolina State in 1983?

Along with thrilling finishes, at least one team always wears a slipper as the proverbial "Cinderella" - the school that unexpectedly makes a run deep into the tournament. Gonzaga, a small university from the West Coast Conference, advanced all the way to the Elite Eight in 1999 before falling to top-seeded Connecticut. Last season, Marquette beat heavily favored Kentucky and reached the Final Four.

The 2004 NCAA Tournament promises to have its share of memorable moments and Cinderella teams. Unlike many years when there are one or two teams who are expected to win it all, there is no favorite going in. Any one of ten to 15 teams in the field of 64 have a legitimate



shot to cut down the nets at the Final Four in San Antonio.

As always, there are some teams that people argue shouldn't have made the tournament and some that got snubbed. How does a team like Air Force or BYU make it in over Utah State, Notre Dame, or even Florida State? The world may never know. If these teams don't have a strong showing in their opening round game, there is sure to be a lot of grumbling.

The Atlanta region is arguably the toughest in the tournament this year. With North Carolina

and Arizona seeded sixth and ninth, respectively, you know that this region is loaded with talented teams.

Top-seeded Duke will look to bring the championship back to Durham, NC, with a possible match up against their rivals from Chapel Hill along the way. Mississippi State and Texas also have a good chance to make it to the Final Four from the Atlanta bracket.

In the Phoenix region, Stanford, UConn, North Carolina State, and Maryland will be battling for the right to go to San Antonio. But

with defending National Champion Syracuse seeded fifth in the region, anything can happen.

Kentucky is the favorite to come out of the St. Louis region. Gonzaga is no longer a Cinderella team and is seeded second in the region, and Georgia Tech is seeded third. Either of these teams could make it to the Final Four.

St. Joe's is the number one seed in the East Rutherford region. The Eagles finished the regular season undefeated and suffered their first and only loss in their conference tournament, yet they do not receive the respect that they feel they deserve. Many people say that their conference was weak and that they need to prove they are a good basketball team by making it to the Final Four.

Wake Forest, Pittsburgh, and Oklahoma State also will be looking to head from East Rutherford to San Antonio.

The 2004 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament tips off Thursday at 12:20 p.m. with Manhattan taking on Florida in the East Rutherford region. Over the next four days, 48 games will be played. Basketball loving students will be skipping class to watch as many of the games as possible.

Who will be this year's Cinderella? Who will make it to the Final Four? The journey to San Antonio begins today.

Cuttin' Down The Nets: Bullet Picks

Dave Buschenfeldt, Assistant Sports Editor - Duke

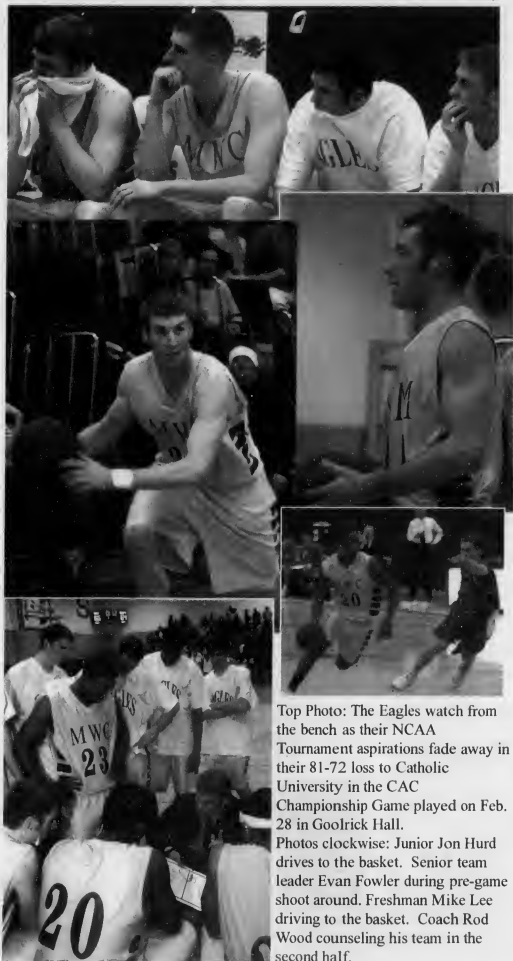
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Wait 'til Next Year

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Top Photo: The Eagles watch from the bench as their NCAA Tournament aspirations fade away in their 81-72 loss to Catholic University in the CAC Championship Game played on Feb. 28 in Goolrick Hall.

Photos clockwise: Junior Jon Hurd drives to the basket. Senior team leader Evan Fowler during pre-game shoot around. Freshman Mike Lee driving to the basket. Coach Rod Wood counseling his team in the second half.

Upcoming Budget Hearings

Budget Hearings for 2004- 2005 School year will take place March 22-25 and the week of March 27th- April 1st, Monday - Thursday 12:00 - 3:00pm and 7 - 9:00pm. All clubs wishing to request funding for next year must sign up for a date and time in the sheet outside the finance office no later than March 20th. All clubs must bring 14 copies of their budget to their hearing time as well as a floppy disk with the club's budget in excel format. Any clubs who do not present their budget during these times will no be heard again until September and will be penalized by a 10% budget reduction.

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Scene

Girls Getting Down And Dirty

Fourth Annual Powder Puff Tournament Begins Sat. March 20

By Katie Jensen
Staff Writer

It's 5:15 p.m. on Monday March 15 and rather than stopping at Seabeck for dinner as usual, junior Jameson Cowan and other Westmoreland Hall residents are heading out to an empty grassy plot on campus.

Wiping the sweat off her face, a football tucked under her arm, and dirt on her knees and knuckles, Cowan yells for a huddle to pump up her team.

Yes, it's that time of the year again when girls wear the dirt and guys wear the skirts. Quite literally. The fourth annual Powder Puff tournament, sponsored by the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) is scheduled for this Saturday, March 20.

The rules for the games are simple. Twenty-five minute games with ten minute halves, seven points per touchdown, at least seven players to play, and absolutely no tackling and the cheerleaders must be appropriately dressed.

Senior Susan Deedrick, president of ARH, created the event her freshman year. After the president of Alvey Hall Council stepped down after two months, Deedrick took over.

"We had been working on the idea of Powder Puff for a few months, and I threw myself into it," she said. "I only had one referee the entire time and one table set up with some food, drinks, and a boom box that played a CD repeatedly. I didn't know a thing about football so I pretty much learned as I went. Looking back now, it was such a ghetto event because I had no resources, no help, and no money to work without it was absolutely the greatest thing ever. It was an amazing feeling to sit back at the end of the day and go, 'Holy cow, I did this!'"

The first Powder Puff tournament was held in November 2000.

Later that year, Powder Puff was given the Outstanding Program of the Year award from the ARH, and Deedrick proposed making it into an



Photos Courtesy Dan Cox/Bullet

Left: Junior Morgan Applegate, head coach of the SGA Senate's Powderpuff Team.

Above: One of the SGA Senate's practices.

with wigs and skirts and pompoms. It was extraordinary," Deedrick said. "This year as an added incentive, we bought shirts for the players, guaranteed for the first 10 who signed up, in the hopes that teams will be more dedicated to showing up to the event. I just keep my fingers crossed and hope that people follow through on their word."

Although ARH did not receive the \$1,000 grant that they were hoping for from the Office of Student Activities and Community Services, they were able to cut a few spending corners by asking Hall Council presidents to DJ the event.

Junior Jeremy Crist, Randolph Hall President, is one of those DJs.

"I was a cheerleader in my senior year for my high school powder puff game, so I'll miss wearing the skirt, but I get to DJ for it," Crist said.

Deedrick made sure that every detail was taken care of for this event.

"We ordered over two hundred official Powder Puff shirts, water bottles, pizza, subs, tons of food and drinks, and have nearly drained

our entire budget on prizes such as an X-Box, a TV, a vacuum cleaner, kitchen appliances, gift certificates, and more," Deedrick said. "Each year, there is always one team that doesn't bother to show up; to me, that is disappointing, unfair, and completely unacceptable, because it messes up the entire schedule of the day and ruins the tournament for the teams that want to play."

Fortunately for Deedrick and the other ARH members who planned the event, this year's round up seems more pumped than ever.

Willard Hall's team is set to practice this week, and junior Becca Sager is ready to get in on the action.

"I have always wanted to play in a real football game with guys, and this is the closest I can get I guess," Sager said. "I played tennis in high school which wasn't very much of a contact or spectator sport and I always wanted to experience that too," she said.

Senior Ryan Bayne, co-coach of the Willard Hall Powder Puff team is as pumped as his team.

"I just walked up to the event last year and coached the Virginia Hall team and we ended up winning," Bayne said. "Man, it's so much fun, everyone's having a good time, and it's a good atmosphere."

Bayne's co-coach is senior Dustin Yudowitch.

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"We're All Playing Different Versions Of The Same Game."

Musician Dean Fields To Play In Vienna

By Kathryn Hershberger
Staff Writer

Dean Fields did not start off his set on Thursday with a traditional introduction, but rather with a warning.

"All we've got are bummer songs right now, so if you're not in a good mood, stay away from sharp things," he said.

Fields' joke is overly cautious, because just watching him can make one smile. When he's not singing, he seems almost boyishly playful and appreciative. In the time it takes to play a guitar chord, he can transition from natural and unassuming to intense.

Fields falls somewhere in the musical spectrum between David Gray and Ryan Adams. He does not try to prove the emotion in his lyrically and vocally driven songs. Rather, he presents himself honestly to the audience with a voice that is gentle and passionate.

He brings these qualities to every song he sings, whether or not he wrote it. In addition to his own music, he performed covers including James' "Laid", and Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine." He also sang "Creep," giving an acoustic simplicity to the popular Radiohead song.

Though Fields' influences range from Jim

Croce to Lucinda Williams to Jump Little Children, he is flattered by comparisons to other singer/songwriters.

"I feel like we're all playing different versions of the same game," he said.

This was not the first time Fields has appeared at Mary Washington. Last year he played a solo set in the Randolph lobby. That show was more laid-back and intimate than the one this year, which included a string bassist and another guitarist.

Fields is looking forward to his live recording on March 18 at Jammin' Jax in Vienna.

"It's an excuse for us to have a good time," he said of the upcoming show, which will feature a full band.

If that show is anything like the one at the Underground, the audience will have just as good a time as he will.

For tickets to the Vienna show on March 18 at Jammin' Jive Call 703-255-1566 ext. 8

In Need of A Little Bit of Relaxation? Norah Jones Releases Second Album

By Patrice Riley
Staff Writer

If everyone in the country owned Norah Jones' second album *Feels Like Home* and played it collectively during rush hour traffic, there would cease to be such a thing as road rage.

Perhaps such a claim is outlandish. Maybe even outrageous. But the truth is, Jones' elegant, sultry arrangements and rich voice are soothing enough to calm even the fiercest of tempers.

Twenty-three-year-old Jones' released her second album, *Feels Like Home*, on Feb. 10. It has been at the top of the Billboard Top 200 for the past four weeks, and has thus far sold two million copies.

The album's release was much anticipated after Jones' eight Grammy wins in 2003 and eight million CD sales of her first album, 2002's bluesy-jazzy-poppy *Come Away With Me*, which is still selling strongly at number 32 after 106 weeks on the charts.

Jones, a Texas native who relocated to New York City in 1999, has an appeal that lies in as much with her musical talent as it does with the fact that she sounds like no one else.

Feels Like Home has significantly more of

a country feel to it than its predecessor, although many of the tracks, including the upbeat and current radio single "Sunrise," are just as jazzy, soulful, and ethereal as those of Jones' debut.

The album runs smoothly until track seven, entitled "Creepin' In," a high-energy, straight-up country duet collaboration with Dolly Parton. Although the song is worthy of being put in the album in and of itself, it would have

been better placed as the very last track as to not interrupt the flow of a track listing that runs otherwise with consistently soothing melodies.

The album features covers of songs by Tom Waits and Townes Van Zandt, and appearances by Levon Helm and Garth Hudson of The Band. Jones likewise includes covers such as "Don't Miss You At All," a soulful reworking of Duke Ellington's composition "Melancholia."

Particularly beautiful tracks include airy "Be Here To Love Me," and "Humble Me," a light and flowing ballad.

In short, this isn't a CD people will want to play while they are working out. It won't make a person want to run faster, move quicker, or go out and change the world. Listening to this album will make the listener want to sit back, pour him or herself a glass of Merlot, and feel like he or she, too, is home.



Courtesy allmusic.com

Norah Jones.



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Top 3 Movies

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1. The Passion of the Christ



2. Secret Window



3. Stargate & Hunch

Describe Junior Ring Week in One Word.

Photos and Interviews By Beth Wingard and Stephanie Genimatas



"Sucks!"

**Ken Conner,
Sophomore**



"Pranks."

**Ianne Leal,
Sophomore**



"Fun."

**Jeff Golden,
Junior**



"Debauchery."

**Amanda Neyenhouse,
Sophomore**



"Vaseline."

**Kevin Lynch,
Junior**

Juniors Watch Your Backs

Junior Ring Week Begins March 22

By Kathryn Hershberger
Staff Writer

Junior Ring Week, one of Mary Washington College's most dreaded and revered traditions, will take place March 22 to 27.

Junior Ring Week is the week that juniors are presented with their college rings. There are numerous activities on campus, including comedian Will Marfori, the Ring Ceremony, and Ring Dance.

It is also the week that students spend countless hours playing pranks on their junior friends.

"I've seen pictures of the events from the past," said Sophomore Emelie St. Cyr, who works for Alumni Relations. "It seemed much less scary back then."

Junior Ring Week was very different in past decades. The week began as a way to honor juniors during their transition to become seniors. Friends would give juniors little gifts, such as flowers, and attend on-campus events. According to Tami Goodstein, director of student activities and community services, this tradition began to change when Mary Washington College started accepting men.

According to Ray Tuttle, director of

comprised of students and faculty representing organizations including the Judicial Review Board, the Honor Council, and Class Council, was created to uphold the traditions of Junior Ring Week while still ensuring the safety of those who participate.

The Task Force plans to post flyers and door hangers to remind people to be respectful and to be aware of things like food allergies, which can be potentially dangerous.

Now juniors spend as much time protecting themselves as they do participating in activities.

Junior Class Treasurer Ashley Huff said, "[I am] just making sure my doors are locked and wearing clothes I don't like."

Junior Class President Danielle Steele is more cautious. "I will not divulge my secrets," she said.

Though students

may protect themselves, they are not worried about the possibility of hazing.



Judicial affairs and community responsibility, some alumni think the Junior Ring Week we currently know is "disgusting."

This is because the week has a tendency to get out of hand. In past years, students have jeopardized others' safety by handcuffing someone to a guardrail on I-95 or locking someone in a dog cage and throwing it in the fountain. This type of hazing will not be tolerated by the administration, he said.

"Pranks aren't something that the college views lightly," said dean of student life Cedric Rucker. "We expect that the rules of the college are followed every day of the year."

Despite the playful nature of the week, students' actions still have rules and consequences. No one can be pranked during Junior Ring Week events and no resident assistant can be pranked while on duty.

"There are consequences during Junior Ring Week, just like any other time of year," said Tuttle. "It's not a 'get out of jail free' card."

Tami Goodstein agreed. "If it is a matter of someone's personal safety, we'll have to react," said Goodstein.

The Junior Ring Week Task Force, a group

of last year's SGA Executive Cabinet members pranked their junior members by painting them. From Left to Right: Seniors Gretchen Wietmarschen, Maureen Godfrey, Brian Reagan, Susan Deedrick, Kristin Orstead, Katie Leesman, and Rebecca Turnball.

Courtesy SGA Executive Cabinet

ARH Hopes For A Big Turnout

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"Dustin knows the fundamentals, he knows his football," Bayne said. "I can get those girls pumped up and on fire on game day though."

Competition should be tough, as Westmoreland Hall's team plans to practice every day of the week before the tournament. Junior Jameson Cowan is playing for Westmoreland's team.

"It's fun to get girls out there to play a 'man's' sport because it shows we have the same skills, maybe not the aggression," Cowan said.

The MWC Apartments and the Student Government Association Senate have also formed teams.

Junior Jessica Mitchell, resident of the apartments, said her interest in playing this year is sparked by "being a part of the apartments very first powder puff team. It'll be fun to be

outside with the girls in some friendly competition."

Juniors Lynn Aiani and Stephanie Genimatas are playing for the SGA Senate team, coached by Junior Morgan Applegate.

"We can all fall down, make fools of ourselves, get hit in the head with the football and it's OK because we're all just out there to have fun," said Aiani and Genimatas.

Deedrick looks forward to the unfolding of the event.

"As much work as it is though, I absolutely love it, and I'm filled with such pride when I think about it. It is the one time of year when Mary Washington students actually come together- on the weekend, no less," Deedrick said. "When I step back and look over the sea of players, coaches, cheerleaders, and spectators, it amazes me to see the school spirit that radiates from each person. Who knew?"

Class Council Presents

Junior Ring Week

Monday: Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday: Drive-In Movie
Featuring: The Royal Tenenbaums 7 p.m.
Snatch 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Ceremony Rehearsal
4 p.m. Dodd

Thursday: Comedian Will Marfori
8 p.m. Underground

Friday: Ring Ceremony
7 p.m. Dodd

Saturday: Junior Ring Dance
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Great Hall

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"Not all pranks are a horrible thing," said Junior Class Publicity Chair Katie Jensen. "I think that a lot of juniors look forward to it, so it's not always a negative thing. On the other hand, the people who take it too far, they ruin some people's weeks."

According to Jensen and Steele, juniors want to be pranked.

"I think people want to get it a little bit, but they don't want to be left out," Jensen said. "They don't want to be the one person who didn't get pranked."

Steele believes juniors like the attention also. "Either way, I think you just kind of enjoy the attention," said Steele.

Pranks during Junior Ring Week have become like an event themselves.

"It's April Fools Day for a week, specifically for you," Jensen said.

The Fredericksburg community does not change its rules just because it is Junior Ring Week and off-campus pranks will be prosecuted. Remember: be creative and respectful, but do not get arrested.

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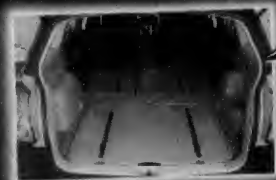
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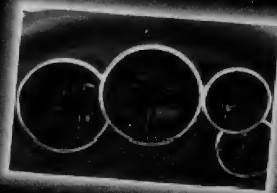
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Judicial Review And Defense Of Gay Marriage

Commentary On Gay Marriage, Judicial Review, And The Role Of The Supreme Court In Making The Laws

By **NATHAN FIGUEROA**
Guest Columnist

In the Feb. 26 *Bullet* editorial, "Oligarchy In The Supreme Court," Robert Simpson bewails a new and alarming surge of "judicial activism" that he claims leaves a concentration of federal power in the hands of a few judges. The legislature alone makes the laws, and courts don't have the authority to alter them, Simpson asserts.

However, the ability of courts to judge the constitutionality of a law, called judicial review, is one of the most well-established fundamental checks and balances of the U.S. system of government.

Judicial review allows courts to overturn unjust laws that encroach on essential constitutional protections, such as the freedom of speech or the right to vote.

Simpson disparages the Warren Court as the first in a series of courts "to undermine the rule of law and the democratic principles upon which this nation was founded." Indeed, a number of controversial rulings under Chief Justice Warren utilized judicial review.

For example, in 1954, segregation laws were overturned in public schools in *Brown v. the Board of Education*. In addition, the *Abington v. Schempp* decision threw out a Pennsylvania law requiring at least ten Bible verses be read at the start of the day in public schools in 1963.

Perhaps the most relevant example is the *Loving v. Virginia* decision of 1967. Citing the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, the Warren Court overturned laws banning interracial marriage despite strong public opinion against such marriages.

Religious conservatives of the time cited scripture to condemn interracial marriage as against God's plan (i.e. Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12-13; Judg. 3:5-7; 1 Kings 11:1-2; Ezra 9:1-3, 10-12, 14, 10:2; Neh. 10:28-30).

A year after the controversial ruling, the Gallup Poll Organization determined 72 percent of Americans disapproved of marriages between races.

"If social change is what the left is after, then convince a majority of the electorate and hasten change through legislation," writes Simpson.

Certainly Richard Loving and Mildred Jeter could have waited and tried to lobby the lawmaking Virginia electorate to validate their marriage rather than taking the law to court.

However, the very fact that the anti-miscegenation statute was on the books in

1967 was because the elected legislature, in accordance with the popular opinion of the time, had not acted to repeal it.

And just who are these so-called "activist judges" who Simpson repeatedly refers to as pushing "the left's agenda"?

Republican governors appointed six of the seven justices on the Massachusetts high court, who recently ruled the ban on gay marriage unconstitutional. Republican presidents appointed four of the six U.S. Supreme Court justices who voted to strike down a Texas law banning sodomy.

Judges who uphold individuals' constitutional rights are not advancing a political agenda—be wary of those who claim that equality is a partisan issue.

Simpson smears judges who use judicial review "to thwart the will of the people" by

comparing them to Stalin, Mao, and Hitler. Later, the issuing of marriage licenses to gay couples is equated with issuing gun licenses to "whomever."

The reality, in contrast to the implications of Simpson's sensationalized analogies, is that gay marriage threatens no one. No families are harmed when loving faithful couples pledge their lives to one another. No words are weakened when committed relationships are granted the basic rights and protections of marriage such as hospital visitation, inheritance rights, spousal health insurance, and family leave.

Recently, President George W. Bush endorsed the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment to permanently enshrine principles of exclusion into the defining document of the United States government. If passed, the amendment would ban all fifty states from passing any law granting marriage "or the legal incidents thereof" to same-sex couples.

It would be the first constitutional amendment to limit, rather than expand, the rights of individuals and of states since the alcohol prohibition amendment.

Today, a majority of Americans are opposed to gay marriage (61 percent according to a recent Gallup poll), religious conservatives point to their selective interpretation of scripture, and ignoble politicians prey on people's prejudices to pinch votes and campaign funds.

Some express alarm over the recent high court decision that deemed the ban on gay marriage unconstitutional.

However, just like the people who criticized interracial marriages, in years to come, the opponents of gay marriage will be viewed as equally narrow-minded and unjust.

Nathan Figueroa is a senior

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Experiencing The Effects Of Tragedy In Bilbao, Spain

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stands, I noted that Martin was absent. Nearing the drop off point where my dorm key goes, I noticed that all ten members of the dorm staff were watching a television I couldn't see. Something didn't seem right.

On the bus to school I mentioned my notion to friends. They had noticed too. More attention was paid after we observed a police blockade on a road headed out of town. I had forgotten about my basketball game.

I entered the University of Deusto at 9:10 am. The halls were filled with the smoke and the noise from the students strewn throughout the halls. My friends and I didn't talk. It seemed like we were the only ones who felt what the others were about to. By the time we got to class our professor's face was all the confirmation we needed.

The attacks on Madrid's Atocha Train Station took place an hour before my friends and I got up that morning. The damage had already been done and the world already notified. There were body count estimations and terrorist accusations; emails home and September 11 comparisons.

Entering the hallways, everyone moved slower and without words. At 10:20 am, we were notified that class had been cancelled and that there would be a moment of silence outside the school at 11:30 am. I didn't know what to expect from a moment of silence at a Spanish university. Would it be student or faculty-run? Would it be violent or angry?

It would be none of that. No one was led in prayer, or in silence. They were not led at all. They were not organized but wordlessly solemn. Everyone felt; all that was left was silence. The group stayed like that, pensively, for some 10 minutes.

Then from the group rose a sudden surge of applause. It was without warning. For a moment it was awkward, but the ovation was strong and satisfyingly prolonged. I looked up from my hands to the Americans and Spaniards around me. They clapped, everyone clapped.

When it was over, everyone knew it. I walked with my fellow Americans across the campus lawn. I knew something special had taken place. It was enough for America to feel for Spain what Spain had felt for us. But being Americans, and being on the University of Deusto campus, showing our compassion and our grief, we felt for the first time that we did not only stand among the Spanish, but with them.

Russell Evans is studying abroad in Bilbao, Spain

The Weekly Wassup

What to do...Where to go?!

March 18 - March 24

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
"Killing Us Softly 3" 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Underground Free ice cream Part of Wellness Week	Havana Nights 9 p.m.- 1 a.m. Underground \$2 at the door	Symphonics Invitational 7:30 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. Lee Ballroom \$3	Bella Cappella Spring Concert 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Great Hall \$3	"Atalanta: A Female Greek Hero" 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Trinkle 204	Drive-In-Movie 7 p.m.- 11 p.m. Ball Circle	Powerpoint Workshop 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Combs 101
Great Lives Lecture "Thomas Stonewall Jackson" 7:30 p.m. Lee Ballroom	Jazz Ensemble Concert 8 p.m. Dodd Auditorium	Powder Puff Football 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ball Circle		Junior Ring Week Scavenger Hunt 7 p.m. Underground	Jenni Choi and Band 7:30 p.m. Underground	"The Endless Search for Reliable Communication" 4 p.m. Trinkle 140



MWC & JMC Will Renovate

Convocation Center Slated For 2006 Construction

By JULIA HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Students might notice more development on the north end of campus—near the new fitness center—where money from their pockets will go towards the construction of a multi-million dollar convocation center that could begin by 2006.

If approved by the General Assembly and Governor of Virginia, design work on a three level convocation center will begin by July 1, according to Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley.

Hurley said the college won't find out if the plan is approved until April.

The project is broken down into three phases, according to Hurley. The first phase is the construction of a 100,000 square-foot facility attached to the new fitness center.

"Phase I is the focus of the college's attention right now which involves waiting to see if the request to the state that we be allowed to borrow money to build it appears in the Governor's budget," Hurley said.

The Phase I facility will have an arena for basketball and volleyball and seats for about 2,000 people. There will also be at least two other basketball courts for practice and recreational use.

In addition, according to Athletic Director and Chair of the Convocation Center Planning Committee Ed Hegmann, a parking deck below Goolrick is part of the plan. Phase I is estimated to cost \$25 million.

Phase II, which may run an additional \$13.5 million, will be a natatorium with a 50-meter pool, locker rooms, restrooms and storage.

Finally, Phase III will be a renovation of Goolrick Hall. The existing pool in the basement of Goolrick will become a basketball court and the auxiliary gym will become a "squash court" with three racquetball courts, according to Hurley. This final phase will cost an estimated \$3.5 million.

According to the conceptual design plans, the entrance to the convocation center will be the same entrance as the new fitness center and the parking deck will be built over the newest parking addition to Sunken Road North Lot.

The final product is a multi-functional, three-level facility with a walking/jogging track comprising a fourth level.

"The Convocation Center is first a recreational facility for students, second, a place to conduct athletic events and third, a place in which other special events like concerts can be held," Hurley said.

The college currently has a contract with a company to propose a conceptual design for the center. Hastings and Chivetta won the bid and started a contract with the school on Sept. 3, 2003.

Their contract is for \$140,000, according to the purchasing contract, and this money comes from student comprehensive fees.

Hastings and Chivetta is an architectural/engineering firm from St. Louis that has built many school facilities such as a fitness center for Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and an athletic and recreational facility and parking garage at Rollins College in Florida.

The company presented a conceptual design of the convocation center during a Board of Visitors meeting on Nov. 21, 2003.

"The design was presented on Friday and while we did not ask the BOV for formal approval, I think everyone was excited about the project," Hurley said.

Dori Eglevsky, director of the Board of Visitors, said the conceptual design presentation was meant to apprise the BOV of the progress, but can't be approved by the board until it is approved by the state.

However, she confirmed Hurley's observations. "We will not get into actual building design until it is approved at the state level; so, there was nothing for the Board to approve at this point," she said. "The Board's overall response was favorable to the project."

If the state approves the project, another bid will be put out for another architectural company to make another design of the center.

"Personally, I think it's a waste of money," Hegmann said of the need for another bid. "But it's the way it works."

Hegmann believes it's all worth it, though—especially since he's been waiting for this center to gain approval for 12 years.

In 1991, the college was given a \$100,000 grant to design a \$20 million athletic convocation center. The conceptual design was made and Hegmann thought the construction would begin in 1992.

"I kept the '91 version on my wall for 5 years," Hegmann said. "I finally took it down in '97 because I didn't think it would happen."

However, according to Hegmann, recently the project came up again and President Bill Anderson and the Board of Visitors decided they would like to see in-the-ground operations by 2008.

If approved, Hegmann and Hurley both project construction on the center to be complete by Fall 2008.



Courtesy mwc.edu

The James Monroe Center For Graduate and Professional Studies will be expanding, thanks to a recent grant of land adjacent to the property.

College Receives Land Grant, James Monroe Center To Expand

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Staff Writer

Two land parcels, valued at \$4.5 million were donated to Mary Washington College this past December.

This large donation was transferred from the Gates Hudson Real Estate Group to the Mary Washington College Real Estate Foundation. Totaling 135 acres, the land located in Route U.S. 17 North will add to the original 48-acre campus.

The land, which is located to the west of the James Monroe Center for Graduate Studies, will be used to expand the Stafford campus.

"The land gift will ensure that the James Monroe Center has the capacity to expand as the student population grows," Bill Anderson, president of Mary Washington College, said in a news release.

According to Anderson, the student population on the James Monroe Center campus will continue to grow.

"While enrollment is capped at 4,000 students on the Fredericksburg Mary Washington campus, continuing enrollment growth has been planned for the Stafford County location," Anderson said in a news release.

In order to help with increased enrollment in the graduate program, plans for a second building on the James Monroe Center's campus are under construction, according to John Wiltenmuth, director of facilities services.

"This second building will be connected to the first building at the James Monroe Center," he said. "The addition will help to expand the same academic programs being currently held in the first building due to their increased enrollment."

Sometime in late 2004 or early 2005 students will see construction beginning on an

addition to the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, according to a campus-wide news release.

Plans for this second building are now in the design phase.

When the James Monroe Center first opened in 1999, it was projected that the enrollment on the new campus would grow rapidly due to the high demand for graduates with technical skills and proficiencies in business management and computer technology.

According to a Mary Washington College

Web site publication, the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies was designed solely to serve the needs of the Fredericksburg region's adults who are looking for a high-quality, reasonably-priced college. The center

allows for the completion of undergraduate degrees and the earning of master's degrees and helps to maintain professional certification or enables students to enroll in other continuing education programs.

The James Monroe Center curriculum includes the bachelor of professional studies (B.P.S.), according to the center's catalogue.

This popular degree offers two different avenues of study: computer technology or leadership and management.

With programs such as these, the growth of enrollment at the James Monroe Center has flourished.

Continual expansion of Mary Washington College and its Stafford campus is greatly helped by land grants such as the one received by Mary Washington College this past December.

The continuation of donations and grants from the community could help Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center to grow and develop.

"...continuing enrollment growth has been planned for the Stafford County location."
-President Anderson



Courtesy mwc.edu

The renovation of Goolrick Hall in the third phase will cost approximately \$3.5 million.

Parking Garage Planned

By ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Many colleges and universities have them. Many are in the process of building them. Parking decks have become a new trend amongst growing colleges and universities in Virginia.

At the University of Virginia, they already have nine parking decks and are constructing another one.

According to the College of William and Mary, construction for a parking deck began in the summer of 2002.

Now that Mary Washington College is also growing and moving to university status on July 1, 2004, building a parking deck seems fitting.

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley was the head of the decision to build a parking deck on the Mary Washington College campus.

"We think it will be a three or four story parking deck fitting 400 cars and will be located immediately behind Goolrick Hall below Alvey Drive," Hurley said. "[It will be used] to address [the] shortage in parking spaces for commuter students and to handle visitors to the events planned for a future convocation center."

According to Hurley, the project budget for the new parking deck is \$6 million. Payment for this project will come from the fees students pay.

Freshman Jessica Hiland is indifferent to the building of the new parking deck, as long as there will be benefits for residential students like her.

"If the other parking lots that are closer to the academic buildings would be available to us, I'd be fine with [the parking garage being available to commuter students and visitors only]," she said.

According to senior Sara Castner, building a parking deck will be a great addition to the Mary Washington College campus.

"Building a parking deck is a good idea," Castner said. "We hardly have any parking on campus which results in me parking in spaces that I am not supposed to be and getting tickets."

She also said she thinks student fees are a good way of paying for the parking garage.

"I believe paying for the parking garage with student fees is fine because we are not paying for the parking garage directly," Castner said.

Work on the actual design of the deck, according to Hurley, will begin in late spring and construction is expected to begin in a year. The completion date is unknown at this time. Hurley said he has very few concerns about the parking garage's construction.

"The only thing I am worried about is how long it will take to get the facility built and open," he said. "The shorter time period, the better."

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she thinks so you don't have to

E-mail your problems concerning social inadequacies, conundrums, and curiosities to the bullet@mwc.edu or drop off anonymous questions in the box located at the campus center information desk.

Don't be afraid to ask, because you've already messed up your life enough as it is.

Disclaimer: Ask Miss Information is written with the intent to entertain, and any advice dispensed should not be taken seriously.